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SUBJ: SHORT TERM ASSISTANCE NEEDS IN THE SAHEL

REFS: (A) STATE 016090; (B) STATE 019389;

(C) STATE 29905; (D) STATE 025944

A) DONOR COMMODITY IMPORTS FOR FY 75

AS AID/W IS AWARE, THE MULTI-DONOR MISSION RECOMMENDED A SHIPMENT OF 40,000 MT'S OF CEREALS FOR SENEGAL FOR 1974-75, AFTER A REQUEST BY THE GOS FOR 100,000 MT'S, OF WHICH 60,000 MT'S WAS TO BE FOR CONSUMPTION, AND 40,000 MT'S FOR STOCK. IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS, HOWEVER, THE COMMISSION FOR DROUGHT HAS ESTIMATED THAT THEIR CURRENT ESTIMATES FOR CEREALS REQUIRED IS 60,000 MT.

PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFTL (A) OBSERVERS THAT AID HAS ALREADY INDICATED TO UN/FAO AUTHORITIES OUR CONCERN THAT THERE MAY BE AN UNFORTUNATE LET-DOWN BY DONORS DUE TO IMPROVING CONDITIONS IN THE SAHEL. RDO AND RFFPO CONCUR IN THE ABOVE OPINION AND HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO RECONCILE THE FY 75 PROJECTED ARRIVAL FIGURES CONTAINED IN UNCLASSIFIED

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REF (B), AS NO COMMODITIES FROM DONOR COUNTRIES HAVE ARRIVED

HERE IN JAN FOR SENEGAL, MALI, OR MAURITANIA, AND NONE ARE APPARENTLY SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE HERE IN FEB (WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF 2,000 MT'S OF CORN FOR MAURITANIA FROM AUSTRALIA, WHICH ARRIVAL IN DAKAR IS EXPECTED DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF MARCH). PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REFTEL (C), RFFPO HAD CONTACTED ALL DONOR COUNTRIES IN THE AREA, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF RUSSIA AND CHINA, AND WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING DELIVERY PLAN OF COMMODITIES FOR 1975:

COUNTRIES	DONOR	COMMODITY	DELIVERY DATE
SENEGAL	FED	3,500 MT CORN	MAY 1975
		3,500 MT WHEAT	MAY 1975
		1,000 MT POWD. MILK	MAY 1975
		300 MT BUTTER OIL	MAY 1975
		## 15,000 MT CEREALS	JULY/AUG 1975
		(##K UNOFFICIAL REQUEST FROM GOS)	
	CANADA	1,875 MT SEMOLINA	MARCH 75
MALI	FED	8,000 MT CEREALS	MAY 1975
		2,000 MT POWD. MILK	MAY 1975
		400 MT BUTTER OIL	MAY 1975
	CANADA	7,225 MT SORGHUM	MARCH 1975
MAURITANIA	BELGIUM	1,500 MT WHEAT	MAY 1975
	FED	8,000 MT CEREALS	MAY 1975
		2,400 MT POWD. MILK	MAY 1975
		1,000 MT VEGOIL	MAY 1975
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	ALIA	2,000 MT CORN	MARCH 1975

BOTH FAC AND FRG ADVISED THAT THEY HAD NO COMMITMENTS TO DATE, NOR HAD THEY MADE ANY PROMISES SO FAR TO EITHER MAURITANIA, MALI OR SENEGAL, FOR ANY FURTHER COMMODITY COMMITMENTS DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR. THIS CAME AS A SURPRISE TO RFFPO, AS THE OSRO CEREALS DELIVERY PLANNING 1974-75 SCHEDULE FOR THE SAHEL, DATED JAN 20, 1975, REFLECTS HEAVY COMMITMENTS TO MALI FROM BELGIUM, GERMANY, AND GREAT BRITAIN. THE CANADIAN EMBASSY DID ADVISE, HOWEVER, THAT CANADA HAD A COMMITMENT OF 3,500 MT OF CEREAL FOR APRIL DELVY TO MAURITANIA, BUT THAT THIS HAD BEEN CANCELLED. THE OSRO SCHEDULE ALSO REFLECTS A COMMITMENT OF 2,000 MT OF CEREALS FOR MAURITANIA, AND DUE UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR DELIVERY IN APRIL FROM GERMANY, BUT FRG EMBASSY KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT THIS COMMITMENT, OR EVEN WHEN IT MIGHT BE GRANTED. IN ADDITION, THE SCHEDULE REFLECTS 1,000 MT FROM AUSTRALIA FOR SENEGAL. THE BRITISH EMBASSY, WHICH HANDLES AUSTRALIAN AFFAIRS HERE, WAS NOT AWARE OF THIS. IT IS APPARENT THAT, IF COMMITMENTS BY FOREIGN GOVTS ARE BEING MADE TO OSRO/ROME, THE INFORMATION IS NOT BEING PASSED DOWN TO THE CONCERNED EMBASSY/EMBASSIES IN SENEGAL.

B) FOOD PRE-POSITIONING:

PRE-POSITIONING IN FOOD-DEFICIT LOCALES IS PERHAPS LESS IMPORTANT IN IN SENEGAL THAN IN A NUMBER OF NEIGHBORING SAHELIAN COUNTRIES. A NETWORK OF ALL-WEATHER ROADS PENETRATES THE INTERIOR OF MUCH OF SENEGAL. WHILE MUCH OF THE FLEUVE REGION, TOGETHER WITH PARTS OF NORTHERN SENEGAL ORIENTAL, IS MORE OR LESS IN-ACCESSIBLE FROM DAKAR DURING A PORTION OF THE "HIVERNAGE" OR RAINY SEASON (JUNE-AUG) DUE TO ANNUAL, AND ENDEMIC, FLOODING OF THE SENEGAL RIVER, THE PRESENT ROAD SYSTEM, MUCH OF IT BITUMEN SURFACED, OFFERS EASY ACCESS TO OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AND THUS GREATLY SIMPLIFIES THE PROBLEM OF GRAIN TRANSPORT IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY TO A NUMBER OF OTHERWISE DISASTER-PRONE AREAS.

THERE ARE STILL, HOWEVER, AREAS OF BOTH FLEUVE AND NORTHERN SENEGAL ORIENTAL WHICH MUST BE WATCHED CLOSELY DURING TIMES OF EMERGENCY; THESE INCLUDE THE REGION FROM MATAM TO TAMBACOUNDA, AND UP-RIVER AS FAR AS PODOR. UNDER THE ONSLAUGHT OF THE RAINS, THESE ARE HABITUALLY ISOLATED EVERY YEAR, FOR PERIODS OF VARYING DURATION, FROM ACCESS BY ROAD AND RAIL TRAFFIC. AT SUCH TIMES, NEVERTHELESS, THE RIVER CAN BE HARNESSSED TO BRING IN, VIA MOTORIZED BARGE, NEEDED FOOD SUPPLIES TO MUCH OF THE SEQUESTERED POPULATION OF THESE REGIONS. WITH THIS IN MIND, THEREFORE, THE PRE-POSITIONING OF FOOD STOCKS IN THE REQUIRED AMOUNTS AT DAKAR, THIES, AND AT ST LOUIS WOULD APPEAR TO

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AFDROUGHT

PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL, THOUGH NOT COMPLETE, INSURANCE IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY TO AN ADMINISTRATION EQUIPPED WITH, OR W/ACCESS TO, A LARGE FLEET OF HEAVY-DUTY TRUCKS OF VARYING TONNAGE. DUE LARGELY TO IMPORTANCE OF GROUND-NUT CROP IN SENEGAL, SUCH A TRUCK FLEET DOES EXIST AND CAN BE PRESSED INTO SERVICE WHEN OCCASION DEMANDS. A FEW MOTORIZED BARGES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE. NOTWITHSTANDING THIS, THE RDO AND RFFPO CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH PERSONNEL OF UNICEF, CRS, WFP AND OSRO ON TRANSPORT-RELATED PROBLEMS IN SENEGAL/GAMBIA WHICH MAY BE ANTICIPATED DURING A1975, AND TO STRESS IN THEIR FREQUENT CONTACTS WITH GOS OFFICIALS THE IMPORTANCE OF PRE-POSITIONING FOOD COMMODITIES IN AREAS MOST DIFFICULT OF ACCESS, IN PERIOD BETWEEN NOW AND JULY 15, 1975. OUT-FLOW OF COMMODITIES STORED DAKAR CONTINUES MEANTIME, AS GOS PROGRESSES IN THEIR PLANS TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL STORAGE AT THIES, ST LOUIS, AND KAO-LACK.

C) DIESEASE-INCIDENCE MONITORING TO PREVENT EPIDEMIC OUTBREAKS

GOS HAS TAKEN ACTION THREE FRONTS TO FORESTALL SUCH OUTBREAKS:

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- PROVISION OF POTABLE WATER;
- PROVISION OF MORE EXTENSIVE MEDICAL SERVICES, INCL. MONITORING AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES;
- AUGMENTING NUTRITIONAL INTAKE OF AFFECTED POPULATIONS.

MIN HEALTH HAS CONCENTRATED EFFORTS TOWARD INTEGRATING OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE INTO EXISTING DELIVERY SYSTEMS. IN ORDER TO OPEN CHANNELS OF CONTACT WITH POPULATION, MIN HEALTH HAS ENDEAVORED TO STRENGTHEN THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURES:

- CENTRAL COORDINATION BUREAU FOR WHICH USAID HAS COMMITTED US \$11,000 FOR CAPTIAL AND OPERATING EXPENSES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF AN R&R PROJECT WITH MIN HEALTH.
- REGIONAL HOSPITALS.
- RURAL DISPENSARIES.
- MATERNAL/CHILD HEALTH CENTRES.
- MOBILE HEALTH TEAMS.

GOS HAS IDENTIFIED POPULATIONS WORST-AFFECTED BY DROUGHT, MAJOR DISEASE THREATS, AND APPROPRIATE PREVENTATIVE MEASURES TO

BE TAKEN. AN OUT LINE OF THESE MEASURES FOLLOWS:

1)-PROVISION OF DRINKING WATER TO HEALTH CENTERS:

THIS IS DEEMED AN IMPORTANT STEP IN IMPROVING HEALTH/SANITATION STANDARDS. LARGE SCALE WELL-DIGGING PROJECT PRESENTLY UNDERWAY UNDER FY 1975 R&R PROGRAM. THIS, AS WELL AS REPLACEMENT OF 57 PUMPS THROUGHOUT DROUGHT-AFFECTED AREAS, WILL CONSTITUTE CONTRIBUTION BOTH TO POPULATIONS'S AND CATTLE'S RESISTANCE TO DISEASE

2)-MONITORING OF DISEASE OUTBREAK TRENDS AND PREVENTATIVE VACCINATIONS: THIS CARRIED OUT THROUGH LOCAL SOCIAL CENTERS, DISPENSARIES, MATERNITY/CHILD HEALTH CLINICS: MONTHLY MEETINGS HELD AT CENTERS FOR PROTECTION AND NUTRITION (CPRN). 125 SUCH CENTERS PRESENTLY IN OPERATION. CRS MAINTAINS 82 MATERNITY/CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS, AND PLANS EXPANSION OF OPERATIONS IN DROUGHT AFFECTED REGIONS OF FLEUVE, DIOURBEL, & SENEGAL ORIENTAL. MIN HEALTH PLACES HIGH PRIORITY ON REINFORCING MATERNITY/CHILD HEALTH CENTERS IN HARDEST-HIT ZONES, PARTICULARLY IN RECRUITING PERSONNEL TO MAN CENTERS. USAID CONTRIBUTING US DOLS 100,000 TO REHABILITATE FATICK HEALTH CENTER, WHERE INCIDENCE OF CHILD UNCLASSIFIED

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MALNUTRITION EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH. HEALTH CENTERS LIMITED IN MONITORING CAPACITY, DUE TO FACT THAT POPULATION MUST COME TO CENTERS FOR TREATMENT. BEST POTENTIAL FOR MONITORING DISEASE TRENDS RESTS WITH MOBILE TEAMS. OUTFITTED WITH VEHICLES, TEAMS ARE NOT RESTRICTED TO ONE CENTER. THE FIVE TEAMS PRESENTLY IN OPERATION IN DROUGHT-FFECTED REGIONS ARE EQUIPPED WITH VACCINATION FOR SMALLPOX, MEASLES, YELLOW FEVER, TUBERCULOSIS, TETANUS, AND CHOLERA. AN ESTIMATE OF GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATIONS TO DELIVERY COMPONENTS IS AS FOLLOWS:

DELIVERY COMPONENTS	NO OF PEOPLE REACHED
MATERNITY/CHILD HEALTH CENTER	100,000
HEALTH CENTER (PPNS)	10,000
MOBILE TEAM	150,000-200,000

WHO BELIEVES PRESENT DELIVERY AND MONNITORING SYSTEM AND DELIVERY SYSTEM COULD COPE WITH OUTBREAK OF AN EPIDEMIC, MONITORING AND DELIVERY CAPACITY IS SPREAD THIN, YET TREAND IS TOWARD EXPANSION OF ACTIVITIES IN 1975.

3)- AUGMENTING NUTRITIONAL INTAKE OF AFFECTED POPULATION:

VULNERABILITY TO DISEASE LINKED TO NUTRITIONAL STATE OF POPULATIONS. MIN HEALTH SURVEY, BASED ON SAMPLES, SHOW PERCENTAGE POPULATIONS MOST SUSCEPTIBLE TO EPIDEMICS. WORST-HIT AREAS INCLUDE REGION DU FLEUVE, DEPT OF MATAM, WHERE FROM SAMPLE OF 2,025

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PEOPLE UNDER 14 YRS, AVERAGE OF 39.5 PERCENT POPULATION MALNOURISHED TO 2ND AND 3RD DEGREES (DEFINED AS LESS THAN 75 PC STANDARD WT), AND REGION SINE-SALOU, DEPT OF FATICK, WHERE FROM SAMPLE OF 4,462 PEOPLE UNDER 4 YRS OF AGE, AVERAGE OF 35 PC MALNOURISHED TO 2ND AND 3RD DEGREES. THREE-YR PROGRAM FOR NUTRITIONAL PROTECTION AND SANITATION TO VULNERABLE GROUPS (CPRN) AIMS AT INCREASING AFFECTED POPULATIONS INTAKES OF CALORIES/PROTEINS. PROGRAM ADMINISTERED AT RURAL HEALTH CENTERS AND DISPENSARIES. CRS, PAM AND UNICEF PRE-SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAMS ENABLE HEALTH AUTHORITIES TO RAISE RESISTANCE BY MONTHLY SURVEILLANCE OF CHILDREN'S DIET AND WT.

ON THE WHOLE, PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN SLOW IN GETTING STARTED. MIN HEALTH, WITH WHO, HAS PERCEIVED NEEDS OF AFFECTED POPULATION AND HAS DEFINED PLAN OF ACTION FOR MEETING THESE NEEDS. HOWEVER, MIN HEALTH ENCUMBERED BY COMPLEX BUREAUCRATIC STRUCTURE, ILL-DESIGNED FOR SWIFT EMERGENCY ACTION. PROGRESS SLOWLY BEING MADE. OPERATIONS FOR MONITORING AND PREVENTATIVE MEASURES WILL BE EXPANDED AND STRENGTHENED DURING 1975. GOS HAS NOT QUOTE LEST DOWN UNQUOTE IN EFFORTS

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TO DEAL WITH MEDICAL PROBLEMS AMONG DROUGHT AFFECTED POPULATIONS.

D) NOMADIC GROUPS:

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT NO CONTINGENCY MEASURES TO ACCOMMODATE NOMADIC GROUPS ARE PRESENTLY ENVISAGED IN EITHER SENEGAL OR GAMBIA. THE REASON FOR THIS IS APPARENT: THERE ARE NO SIZEABLE NOMADIC GROUPS IN EITHER COUNTRY, UNLESS EXCEPTION BE MADE FOR THE SCATTERED BANDS OF MAURITANIANS WHO CROSS THE RIVER IN SEARCH OF FODDER OR GRAZING-LAND FOR THEIR CATTLE, OR FOR THE SEMI-NOMADIC PEUL HERDSMEN IN FLEUVE WHOSE WANDERINGS ARE LIMITED TO A FIFTY-KILOMETER JOURNEY WITH THEIR HERDS BETWEEN TWO WATER-SOURCES.

E) PROTECTION OF IN-COUNTRY DONATED FOOD SUPPLIES:

FOR THE FIRST TIME, ATTENTION IS BEING CONCENTRATED ON THE PROTECTION OF STORED FOOD, AND AN EFFORT IS UNDERWAY BY ADO, OSRO, AND THE GOS TO ENSURE THAT SUCH PROTECTION IS IN FACT PROVIDED. AN EXAMPLE OF THIS IS THE OCT 74 GRAIN STORAGE AND PROTECTION SEMINAR HELD IN DAKAR, AND THE MORE RECENTLY CONCLUDED COTONOU COURSE, TO BOTH OF WHICH SENEGAL SENT A NR OF DELEGATES.

F) PLANT PROTECTION STRATEGY:

A REVIEW OF THE STRATEGY FORMULATED, CONDUCTED BY AID/W IN THE TWO-DAY SEMINAR HELD IN DEC 1974, HAS PROVIDED THE INCENTIVE FOR A SEMINAR AT DAKAR THIS MONTH, SPONSORED AND CONDUCTED BY FAO/UNDP. THIS COURSE, WHICH FAO/UNDP IS GIVING ON CROP PROTECTION, WILL COVER THE PERIOD FEB 17 THRU MARCH 21, 1975. IT IS EXPECTED THAT 10 COUNTRIES WILL SEND A TOTAL OF 30 PARTICIPANTS, AND UPON THE CONCLUSION OF THE COURSE, ADO/ RFFPO WILL COVER COURSE BY AIRGRAM FOR AID/W PERUSAL. IT IS THE INTENTION OF UNDP OFFICIALS TO VISIT THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES THREE MONTHS AFTER THE ABOVE-CITED COURSE'S CONCLUSION ORDER TO EVALUATE THE COURSE'S RESULTS BY OBSERVING ON-SITE THE CHANGES BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE COURSE'S PARTICIPANTS. OSRO/UNDP/FRO IS ALSO MEETING IN DAKAR THIS WEEK WITH DONOR COUNTRIES, AND THE SAHEL COUNTRIES, IN AN EFFORT TO RECEIVE

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SUBSTANTIVE INFO ON THE ACTUAL AMTS OF PESTICIDES AND TRANSPORTATION EFFECTICES WHICH THE SAHEL COUNTRIES WILL REQUIRE

FOR SHORT-TERM 1975 SAHEL PLANT PROTECTION. THE RESULTS OF THIS MEETIN/ MEETINGS WILL BE FORWARDED TO AID/W BY SEPTTEL. RFFPO INTENDS TO STRESS THE POINTS THAT (A) WHILE PEST-PROTECTION MEASURES CAN, SHOULD, AND OUGHT TO BE EFFECTED PRIOR TO HARVEST, THE PROPER INFRASTRUCTURES MUST BE IN PLACE WHICH WILL ENSURE THE PERIODIC AND SUSTAINED FUMIGATION OF, AND ADEQUATE STORAGE FOR, THE HARVESTED GRAIN; AND THAT (B) THERE ARE STILL OTHER PESTS WHICH, IF UNCHECKED, CAN BRING ABOUT THE EFFECTIVE DESTRUCTION OF THE CROP, EVEN AFTER THAT HAS BEEN COMMITTED TO THE SILO. THERE IS CERTAINLY SOME IRONY IN THE APPARENT PRACTISE BY MOST SAHELIAN COUNTRIES OS SUSTAINED FUMIGATION OF "CASH CROPS",EG GROUND-NUT, WHILE VIRTUALLY EXLCUDING THE STAPLES OF SORGHUM/MILLET/CORN FROM SIMILAR TREATMENT. (IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT CANADA HAS BEEN CONCENTRATING ON THIS PROBLEM FOR THE PAST FIVE YRS IN NIGER, AND IS NOW ABOUT TO EXTEND ITS EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION TO UPPER VOLTA).

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G) GRAIN STABILIZATION ACCOUNT:

FUNDS ACCRING IN SENEGAL TO THE GRAIN STABILIZATION ACCOUNT

HAVE BEEN EARMARKED FOR THE UNDER-WRITING OF TRANSPORT AND RELATED COSTS, TO INCLUDE THE PURCHASE OF SEVERAL LAND-ROVERS AND SMALLER TYPES OF TRUCK WHICH CAN BE USED EFFECTIVELY IN FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS AT THE ARRONDISSEMENT AND VILLAGE LEVELS. ADDITIONALLY, USAID/DAKAR HAS RECENTLY AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE USE OF A PORTION OF THESE FUNDS TO ASSIST ONCAD EFFECT A SORELY-NEEDED EXPANSION OF ITS EXISTING STORAGE FACILITIES. TOWARDS THIS END, THE GOS IS SHORTLY TO SUBMIT A PLAN FOR OUR CONSIDERATION AND REVIEW OF WHAT WILL CONSTITUTE A SHORT-TERM STORAGE EXPANSION PROJECT.

H) GRAIN STOCKS AT PORT:

GRAIN ON DAKAR DOCKS FOR SENEGAL, AS OF FEB 8, TOTALLED 59,000 MT OF COMMODITY, ALL OF IT COMMERCIALY PURCHASED RICE. ALSO IN PORT ARE 6,000 TONS OF CORN/RICE, DESTINED FOR MALI, OF WHICH 4,000 TONS (CORN) REPRESENT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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REPLACEMENT TO MALI BY FAC OF A SIMILAR TONNAGE DIVERTED TO SENEGAL IN AUG 1974, IN AN EFFORT TO ALLEVIATE CONGESTION AT THE ZONES FRANCHES MALIENNES. ADDITIONALLY, A COMMERCIAL PURCHASE OF 5,000 MT RICE FOR MALI IS EXPECTED IN DAKAR WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

I) CLARIFICATION:

IN PARA EIGHT REFTTEL (A), IT IS CITED THAT DONOR SHIPMENTS WERE LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR PORT CONGESTION AT DAKAR LAST YEAR, RDO AND FFPO WISH TO POINT OUT THAT THE STATEMENT IS MISLEADING, SINCE EVENTS HAVE PROVED THAT LACK OF COORDINATION INVOLVING DONOR SHIPMENTS CONSTITUTED MUCH LESS OF A PROBLEM THAN THE FREQUENT, LARGE, AND INVARIABLY UNANNOUNCED AND UNHEARALDED ARRIVALS AT DAKAR PORT OF COMMERCIALY PURCHASED GRAIN FOR SENEGAL, MALI AND AMMAURITANIA. THE PROBLEM WAS ACTUALLY AGGRAVATED BY THE RECIPIENT GOVTS' EXPECTED RELUCTANCE TO DIVULGE THIS TYPE OF INFO, ON THE PRESUMED GROUNDS THAT ITS DISCLOSURE WOULD BRING ABOUT A CORRESPONDING REDUCTION IN DONOR PLEDGES OR GRANTS. OSRO AND US MISSIONS IN ALL THREE COUNTRIES HAVE ATTEMPTED, AT VARIOUS TIMES AND USUALLY WITH SMALL SUCCESS, TO OBTAIN ARRIVAL NOTICES IN ADVANCE OF THE ARRIVAL OF VESSELS CARRYING GRAIN PURCHASED COMMERCIALY BY THE CONCERNED NATION. RFFPO AND RDO WILL MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO PURSUE THIS MATTER WITH OSRO AND WFP IN THE CONTINUED EFFORT TO OBTAIN SUCH INFO (THE PROVISION OF WHICH SHOULD DO MUCH TOWARD OBTAINING BOTTLENECKS OF THE TYPE EXPERIENCED HERE BETWEEN MAY AND NOV 1974) ON A REGULAR AND TIMELY BASIS.

J) RECAPITULATION:

RDO AND RFFP OFFICERS ARE FOLLOWING THE SENEGALESE OVERALL "POST-DROUGHT" SITUATION ON A DAY TO DAY BASIS. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT AID/W ENCOURAGE FAO/OSRO TO MEET WITH POTENTIAL DONORS IN THE NEAR FUTURE, TO ASCERTAIN CONTRIBUCTIONS OF EACH AS WELL AS PROPOSED ARRIVAL/SCHEDULING OF CARGOES WITHIN THE 40,000 MT REQUIREMENT AS PROPOSED BY THE MULTI-DONOR TEAM. RFFPO CONTINUES TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF A BI-LATERAL TITLE II-SUPPORTED, FFW PROGRAM IN AREAS NOT COVERED BY THE PRESENT UNCLASSIFIED

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WFP ACTIVITY. RFFPO FIELD TRIPS HAVE SHOWN THAT ON THE RURAL LEVEL THERE EXISTS THE DESIRE FOR SUCH A PROGRAM, AND DISCUSSIONS ARE UNDERWAY BETWEEN ADO/DAKAR AND MIN PLAN FOR SUCH A PROPOSAL, FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN FY 75/76.

RE REFTEL (D), PARA 5, MISSION'S ASSESSMENT OF OSRO IS THAT THIS ORGANIZATION HAS DEVELOPED INTO AN EFFECTIVE WORKMANLIKE ORGANIZATION WHICH CONTINUES TO PERFORM A VALUABLE AND IN FACT VITAL ROLE IN THE COORDINATION OF DONOR AID SHIPMENTS. DAVIS

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